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Amendment in Reply to Office Action mailed on April 4, 2006

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2006, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks and arguments are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 5, 8-9, 12 and 15-19 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 5, 8-9, 12 and 15-19 are allowed. Further, claims 1-4, 6-7, 10-11 and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for certain informalities. In response, claims 1, 6-7, 11 and 13-14 have been amended to remove the informalities noted by the Examiner. The amendments of claims 1, 6-7, 11 and 13-14 do not change the scope thereof, and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection of claims 1, 6-7, 10-11 and 13-14 has been overcome and an indication as such is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the

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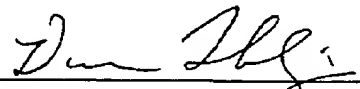
foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required for entrance of the accompanying amendment, they may be charged to Applicants' representatives Deposit Account No. 50-3649. In addition, please credit any overpayments related to any fees paid in connection with the accompanying amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3649.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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